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**HOLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

The Holton Parish Council meeting was held in Holton Village Hall on Monday 11th November 2019 starting at 7.30 pm

**Present:**

Chairman Robert Barter  
Councillor Roger Farrow  
Councillor Andy Murray  
Councillor Allan East  
Councillor Brian Pridmore  
Parish Clerk Sonja Barter

**Also present:** Toby Newman (Wheatley Parish Council)

**1. Apologies:** Sarah Gray, (District Councillor) Tim Bearder (County Councillor).

**1a. Declarations of interest:** none

**2 To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting** of the Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 which had been circulated to all councillors before the meeting.

Proposed by Andy Murray

Seconded by Allan East

**All agreed**

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**3. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Brookes Appeal and Inquiry was held from October 22<sup>nd</sup> until 1<sup>st</sup> November at Brookes Holton Porter's Lodge. Members of the public and Parish Councillors attended some of the sessions. On the first day of the Appeal Hearing Robert Barter presented the reasons that Holton Parish Council objected to the application. Also local representations from Kevin Heritage (Wheatley Park School), Wheatley Neighbourhood Plan, Wheatley Parish Council and Sarah Gray (District Councillor).

Toby Newman, who attended the sessions gave a report of the proceedings which he presented to both Holton and Wheatley Parish Councils.

The Clerk has some copies of the Landscape, Visual and Openness Issues produced for SODC, Details of the Heritage Assets on the site, photos etc. and the Brookes Planning Statement which she collected from the Appeal. Further paperwork has been boxed up at the Inquiry room and Toby Newman will be collecting this archive material and handing over to both Wheatley and Holton Parish Council.

Toby Newman was thanked for his valuable contribution.

The Inspector will now review the evidence and should make a recommendation to the Secretary of State by early January and then the Secretary of State should make a decision on the Appeal Jan/Feb 2020 depending on a number of circumstances not least the General Election.

#### 4. Traffic, Road and Highway Matters

Holton Road Safety Week 1 – 9 November. 12 scarecrows and 1 dog all in hi-vis costumes displayed on the verges throughout the village. A good turnout on the Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> for tea/cakes and judging of scarecrows. The winner of the Scarecrow Cup was Rose Gorman and grandchildren and the Children's Prize winners were Esther and Joshua Vaux.

#### 5. Financial Matters

##### a. Accounts submitted for payment

Clerk's Salary November	385.00
Clive Laman Village Maintenance October	225.00
Holton Village Hall hire October	13.00
R. Taylor Landscapes Orchard October	144.00
R. Taylor Landscapes Churchyard October	171.43
The Maple Tree	750.00
PC Annual Allowances:	
Robert Barter	80.00
Allan East	80.00
Roger Farrow	80.00
Brian Pridmore	80.00
Andy Murray	80.00

##### b. Bank balances after paying above cheques and money received.

Deposit	£16,225.95
Current	£1,336.93

**It was proposed by Allan East and seconded by Andy Murray that the Clerk's Report be accepted and the accounts paid.**

**All Agreed**

#### 6. District/County Councillors

Apologies were received from both the District and County Councillors. It was noted that the District Councillor had only attended one meeting since the election in May. It was disappointing for the Parish Councillors that this lack of attendance did not meet with their expectation of our representative at District level. Hopefully this can be remedied in future.

Holton Table Tennis Club have requested some financial help in purchasing equipment for the Club. The request to be forwarded to Sarah Gray for a grant from the District Councillor fund.

**7. Churchyard**

Planning Application for change of use to be completed when Church Farmhouse building works are completed.

**8. Neighbourhood Plan:** Submitted for inspection.

**9. Local Plan:** Secretary of State Holding Direction. Talks continuing.

**10. Oxford/Cambridge Expressway**

No Expressway and the Expressway Alliance raising the profile and objections growing to the scheme. The route yet to be announced.

**11. Planning Applications:** None

**12. Planning Decisions (South Oxfordshire District Council):** None

**13. Reports.**

Holton Village Hall Management Meeting November report: Trivia Quiz on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, Carols on the Green and afterwards in the Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 22<sup>nd</sup> December refreshments in the Hall after Church Carol Service.

Orchard Winter Tidy held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. 10 helpers turned out to cut back the road side hedge alongside the verge. Kavan Ring to quote for taking out some dead ash and hedge laying later in the year. This to be paid for from donations for use of the Orchard in connection with Hall bookings.

Brookes Residents' meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November attended by Roger Farrow. Brookes reported to be pretty confident that the Planning Appeal will find in their favour.

Community Bus – apparently not now likely to go ahead.

**14. Publications/Letters and Forthcoming Events.**

Road Closure in Holton 16 - 19 December –water connection work outside the Church.

Table tennis letter re. equipment – passed onto District Councillor – await response.

**15. Items for discussion and/or referral to a future meeting:** None

**16. Date of next meeting.** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019** starting at 7.30 pm in Holton Village Hall Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.19 pm.